

September 12, 1955

MEMBERS OF THE MIDLAND TRI COUNTY COLLEGE STUDY COMMITTEE

Dear Members:

You people will no doubt be interested in what has taken place on the Tri County College Study since our last meeting. The Executive Committee has held two meetings and have now arrived at a more definite plan of action. They have approved a budget of \$10,000.00 with which to start this study. These funds to be used for actual expenses, for mileage, postage, etc., and do not include a salary for a consultant or director of survey. The division was made on the same basis as used on the Tri County Airport with Saginaw and Bay City. Midland's share of this fund is \$2,000.00. The Midland Chamber of Commerce Educational Committee has agreed to raise Midland's share of the fund. They are now actively working on this program.

Mr. Ferris Crawford of the State Department of Public Instruction has been engaged to act as the coordinator of these studies. We are obligated to pay his travel expenses and he remains under the employment of the State Department of Public Instruction on loan to coordinate this work. At the recent meeting of the Executive Committee held on September 8th, an outline of committee procedures was submitted by Mr. Crawford and the following duties were tentatively agreed for the 75 member group. They are given below:

1. To develop and adopt some clearly stated and specific objectives or purposes of the study for the information of all the citizens of the three counties. This should be done as soon as possible.
2. To publicize the objectives of the study to the greatest possible extent in the three counties through newspapers, radio, television and other mass media of communication.
3. To assist sub-committees in collecting, tabulating and interpreting data desired from the respective communities.
4. To act as a hearing and sanctioning board for periodic reports of the Steering Committee.
5. To develop or adopt a report, preferably by June 1, 1956, to be submitted to the citizens of the three counties.
6. To publicize the conclusions and recommendations of the study and to act as a continuing source of information for the

citizens from the time the published report is made until action on the recommendations is carried out.

It is anticipated that there will not be any major change in these duties when they are brought up for adoption at the Executive Meeting to be held on September 15th. You will note that the members of this committee are to assist the various sub-committees in collecting, tabulating and interpreting data.

It is anticipated that the membership will be divided among the seven committees which correspond to the outline approved by the 75 member committee at a meeting in July in Midland. These sub-committees cover various fields: Need, Philosophical Basis of a Community, Geographical Area, Finances, Location, Legal Basis and Organization, and a seventh committee was added on Public-Student Relations. The latter committee has to do with the publicity program of the various phases of the study.

A schedule of meetings has been set up and tentatively agreed upon calling for a general meeting of the 75 member committee in October, December, February, April and June. The October Meeting has tentatively been set for October 12th. However, since it is anticipated that all members of the 75 member committee will be assigned to sub-committees and these are scheduled to meet twice a month except in December, I am quite sure we will all be busy and find ample opportunity to express ourselves on the various phases of this program.

The Midland Executive Committee should like to know what committees you people would care to serve on. This would help appreciably when we are asked to assign the membership for the purpose of collecting data. As soon as the complete schedule of meetings and various duties of the committees has been agreed upon, we will forward them to the membership.

We hope this information will be useful in helping you people plan for a busy winter on this most important problem.

Yours very truly,

E. N. Luce (2)

E. N. Luce, Chairman

MIDLAND COUNTY COMMITTEE

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